Price control on monopoly drugs

1640. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has received a number of representations for inclusion of drugs under price control having monopoly productions;

(b) whether his Ministry has examined the details of those drugs;

(c) what are the names of producers of each drug, value and quantity of production during the last three years, year-wise of each drug;

(d) what is the leader brand of formulation based on each drug and what is the market share enjoyed by each;

(e) whether it is a fact that number of drugs either totally imported or monopoly produced having sales turn over of more than rupees fifty lacs per annum were excluded from price control;

(f) what are the details of such instances which came to the notice of his Ministry; and

(g) what steps have been taken to establish accountability for these omissions?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (g) A number of representations have been received by the Government for inclusion of certain drugs under price control. Government have constituted a Standing Committee to look into various aspects concerning DPCO, 1987 including representations received for exclusion/inclusion of certain drugs under Scheduled Categories. 21 drugs have already been included in Category II of DPCO, 1987 on 27.2.1990.

Concentration aspects for Price Control

1641. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state.

(a) what is the meaning of the term concentration as used by Kelkar Committee with reference to criteria V of the report on identification of drugs for Category II of price control;

(b) whether the committee applied this criteria to Nandrolone Phenyl Propionate, Methdilazine, Diphenhydramine, and several other drugs;

(c) if not, what steps have been taken to rectify the situation; and

(d) what are the names of drugs still exempted from price control which fits into the definition of concentration adopted by Kelkar Committee and what action has been taken by his Ministry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) It is already explained in the Report of the Kelkar Committee, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(b) to (d) Although the Main as well as Supplementary Report of the Kelkar Committee explain reasons for inclusion/exclusion of certain drugs under DPCO, 1987, Government have received a number of representations on the subject Government have constituted a Standing Committee to look into these aspects.

Bringing price decontrolled drugs under price control

1642. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry in its press release issued on the 8th March, 1990 indicated that all those drugs which do not fulfil exclusion criteria laid down by Kelkar Committee would be shortly brought